(a) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has asked State Governments to take immediate steps to check child labour and rehabilitation of rescued children;

(b) whether the Commission has also asked State Governments to evolve a code of conduct for the employees of public institutions, Government undertakings, Government funded institutions and Government offices for not engaging children as domestic workers or encourage child labour in any form at their work places;

(c) if so, the other main points mentioned in the report; and

(d) the States that have followed these instructions and to what extent it has been fully implemented by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights under the Ministry of Women and Child Development has written to the State Governments on various aspects of child labour including steps to check them and rehabilitation of rescued children. It has also issued guidelines to the State Governments to evolve a code of conduct for all public sector institutions, government undertakings, government funded institutions and government offices for not engaging children as domestic workers or encourage child labour in any form in their work places. The other major points is about a mechanism of social audit through a task force to ensure that children are not employed in the prohibited categories. Action Taken Reports have been submitted by West Bengal, Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Kerala. The Ministry of Labour and Employment as the Ministry concerned is implementing the National Child Labour Project Scheme in 250 districts. The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 is also being enforced by the Ministry with the Central Government being the appropriate Government of establishments under the control of the Central Government or a railway administration or a major port or a mine or oilfield, and in all other cases, the State Government.

Rehabilitation of victims of 2004 flood in Assam

*131. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the victims of 2004 devastating flood in Assam have now been rehabilitated and provided with dwelling units;

(b) if not, the number of those still not provided with dwelling units, district-wise;

(c) the time likely to be taken to complete the task of rehabilitation and relief to all the victims; and

(d) the Central assistance so far provided to the State Government for 2004 floods, unit-wise and whether it has been utilized completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities is provided to States through the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is supplemented by the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in cases of a calamity of a severe nature after following the laid down procedure.

Execution of relief measures at ground level is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Govt. of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing requisite logistics and financial support, wherever necessary.

Under the existing norms there is no provision for providing dwelling units under the CRF/NCCF. Instead, the norms provide for cash relief at different rates for damaged houses. The State Government has informed that the number of people, district-wise, who are yet to be paid assistance as per the prevailing rates is being ascertained from Deputy Commissioners, and that time-bound plan will be made to pay 'rehabilitation grant' for damaged houses at admissible rates on receipt of information from the Deputy Commissioners as early as possible.

(d) The State of Assam was allocated Rs. 123.36 crore, including a Central share of Rs. 92.52 crore through the CRF during the year 2004-05. The entire amount of Central assistance was released to the State. The State Government had submitted two memoranda in respect of the rains/floods in 2004. Based on the expenditure details received from the State Government, an additional amount of Rs.211.55 crore was released to the State Government from NCCF. This amount includes assistance of Rs. 103.426 crore for repair of 4,90,699 damaged houses as per CRF norms. The State utilized a total of Rs. 242.86 crore during 2004-05, as per information given by Accountant General (A and E), Assam.

Relief measures for exporters

*132. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is seeking export relief measures as there has been downfall in exports;

(b) whether the Ministry has come to the conclusion that the problem exporters face primarily relate to the non-payment or delayed payment;

(c) if so, whether Government has considered this and has prepared some mechanism to meet this; and

(d) if so, to what extent credit support to exporters has been provided and to what extent it has helped exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Exporters are presently facing problems on account of global financial crisis and economic slowdown. One of the difficulties stated by trade and industry is delayed receipt of export